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AMERICAN'S CONVICTION
IS BRANDED "FRAMEUP"

BERLIN — Western officials said today the conviction of a young American in a closed espionage trial Friday had all the earmarks of a frameup.

The U.S. Mission declined formal comment on the trial of Peter Feinauer, saying official reaction would have to come from Washington. Western officials said privately, however, that the case had a "strange look about it."

Feinauer, 27, West Berlin resident who grew up in Providence, R. I., was convicted of spying for the Central Intelligence Agency and helping East Germans escape to the West. He was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment.

Western officials were not allowed to attend the trial.